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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences form the decision dated 01/24/2006 of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1,2,4,6-13,19-22,24,25 and 29-33

Please charge the Appeal Fee of \$500.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit Account No. 50-1953. (A request for an extension of time of 3 (three)-months is attached, giving Applicants until 07/24/2006 to file this Notice of Appeal.) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1953. This form is enclosed in duplicate.

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